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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: SYSTEM, METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR MEDICAL IMAGE
MANAGEMENT

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7, 9/5, 9/7, 10-16, and 18-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Howards Koritzinsky *et al.* (U.S. Patent 6,598,011; hereinafter "Koritzinsky") in view of Sitka *et al.* (U.S. Patent 6,349,373; hereinafter "Sitka"). Claims 6, 8, 9/6, 9/8 and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant submits the arguments below in traversal of the claim rejections.

Applicant submits that claim 1 is patentable because Koritzinsky and Sitka fail to teach, suggest, or provide motivation for a medical image management system comprising, *inter alia*: